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Jeffrey D. Anderson et al.

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For: INTERNALLY THREADED
FASTENER AND STEMMED
WASHER ASSEMBLY AND
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed April 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16-25 without prejudice.

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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-27 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-15 and 27 to Group I as being drawn to internally threaded fastener assembly, and the Examiner restricted claims 16-25 to Group II as being drawn to method for making the fastener assembly.